

NOTICE OF GRANT AVAILABILITY

NAME OF GRANT PROGRAM:

Special Supplemental Nutrition Program for Women,
Infants and Children (WIC)

STATUTORY AUTHORITY:

Childhood Nutrition Act of 1966, as amended
and WIC Federal Regulations 7 CFR Part 246

GRANT PROGRAM NO. 07-68-WIC

TYPE OF AWARDS TO BE ISSUED:

Cost-reimbursement Grant

PURPOSE FOR WHICH THE GRANT PROGRAM FUNDS WILL BE USED:

To improve the nutrition and health status of eligible pregnant and lactating women and eligible children; encourage the utilization by each WIC participant of available health and social services; promote breastfeeding among all eligible lactating women; and provide fresh fruits and vegetables to eligible WIC women and children.

AMOUNT OF MONEY IN THE GRANT PROGRAM:

Approximately \$15,000,000 should be available in federal fiscal year 2007 to fund 22 awards. It is expected that the average award will be \$565,000, ranging from \$77,000 to \$1,700,000. Awards will begin October 1, 2006 and will be made for a 12-month budget period. Funding estimates may vary and are subject to annual appropriation by the US Department of Agriculture (USDA). Applicants currently receiving grants for these activities, that have performed satisfactorily, will be given first priority for continued funding. The applicant applies for a multi-year period, (up to three years) effective October 1, 2006.

ELIGIBLE APPLICANTS MUST COMPLY WITH THE FOLLOWING REQUIREMENTS:

1. Terms and Conditions for the Administration of Grants
2. General and specific Grant Compliance requirements issued by the Granting Agency.
3. Applicable Federal Cost Principles relating to the Applicant

GROUP OR ENTITIES WHICH MAY APPLY FOR THE GRANT PROGRAM:

Public or private non-profit health agencies, county and municipal health departments, hospitals, county welfare organizations, social services organizations that can provide clinical services, and non-profit community action programs that can provide or contract for clinical services.

QUALIFICATIONS NEEDED BY APPLICANT TO BE CONSIDERED FOR A GRANT:

1. Meet qualifications published in the WIC Program Consolidated Regulations (January 2005 Edition), FNS 7 CFR, Chapter II, Subchapter A, Section 246.5, "Selection of local agencies",
2. The ability to perform program services as stated above.
3. Meet state policies and federal program specifications.

APPLICATION PROCEDURES:

An application for a grant will be mailed by the Department to current recipients, and to new, qualified applicants who have submitted a Letter of Intent in compliance with all the applicable requirements. The completed application is to be returned to the Department for consideration.

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DEADLINE BY WHICH APPLICATIONS MUST BE SUBMITTED:

Applicants must be received by June 2, 2006.

DATE BY WHICH APPLICANT SHALL BE NOTIFIED WHETHER THEY WILL RECEIVE FUNDS:

Grant awards will be made on or before October 1, 2006.